DROP IN SUGAR PRODUCTION

3348. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar production during the current sugar year is likely to be dropped;

(b) if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the sugar production and its import during the last three years; and

(d) how much is likely to be imported during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The production of sugar during the current sugar season (October to September) 1993-94 is estimated to be around 107 lakh tonnes, as against 106.09 lakh tonnes during the previous sugar season, i.e. 1992-93.

(c) The required information is as under :—

Sugar Year (October—September,)	Sugar Production (in lakh tonnes)	Imports (lakh tonnes)
1990-91	120.47	NIL
1991-92	134.11	NIL
1992-93	106.09	NIL

(d) Import, if any, during the current season has not yet been decided.

NUTRITION WEEK

@3349. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nutrition week was observed between September 1 and 7 this year ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme launched during the week for the benefit of the economically weaker sections of the society ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to create nutritional awareness among people especially those belonging to economically weaker section of the society. A number of activities were organised between 1 to 7 September, 1993. These included exhibitions, film|slide shows, recipe competitions, baby shows and lectures. A supplement was also brought out in the national and regional Newspapers. Short films and sports were shown on Doordarshan. The State Governments, UT Administrations and the Voluntary Organisations were also involved in organising programmes for creating nutritional awareness among the people.

A Conference on "Update on Micro-Nutrients" was also held which provided a forum for the representatives of the Central and State Governments, NGOs and eminent experts to discuss strategies for prevention and control of micronutrient deficiencies with special focus on beneficiaries of programmes for economically weaker sections of the society.

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